1	2	3	4	5
11.	**Kerala****	-5.98	9.70	14.29
12.	**Madhya Pradesh**	27.01	57.30	77.00
13.	**Maharashtra**	18.75	41.45	59.04
14.	**Manipur**	22.22	47.82	54.52
15.	**Meghalaya**	56.96	77.23	85.59
16.	**Mizoram**	60.56	62.66	68.58
17	Nagaland	63.07	40.75	65.36
18.	Orissa	42.82	64.75	74.59
19.	Punjab	18.53	37.44	38.84
20.	Rajasthan	65.34	60.93	81.08
21.	Sikkim	58.03	47.88	84.83
22.	Tamil Nadu	31.72	32.41	58.89
23.	Tripura	50.08	67.11	79.55
24.	Uttar Pradesh	62.11	68.54	73.17
25.	West Bengal	56.95	70.17	86.14
26.	A & N Islands	3.64	30.90	48.26
27.	Chandigarh**	-10.89	2.36	2.09
28.	D & N Haveli	40.51	62.59	74.17
29.	Daman & Diu	5.97	24.86	36.54
30.	Delhi	37.69	52.44	70.16
31.	Lakshadweep	1.23	16.36	49.51
32.	Pondicherry**	-4.10	2.01	32.66
	INDIA	**41.90**	**57.95**	**71.51**

* Provisional data

** Drop-out rates are negative due to migration/new entrants in intermediate classes.

Note: The method used to calculate gross Dropout rates in known as Apparent Cohort Method which does take into account the repeaters.

Professional Courses by Foreign Universities

†1130. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Western International University of USA has set up its campus in Delhi. wherein a number of professional courses have beeen introduced;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that huge amount of fee is charged from students by the said Institution;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the fees prescribed for different courses, course-wise; and

(e) whether these courses have been accorded official recognition in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According to a news-item appearing in some sections of the press, the Western International University of USA has recently set up a campus in Delhi.

(b) to (e) Relevant information is being collected.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

1131. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat due to budgetary constraints.

Illiterates in Backward Districts

1132. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literates in backward districts of the country;

(b) whether Government have any plans to improve this percentage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per Census 2001 Report, the literacy rate for all persons in India is 65.38%. The percentage of literates in all such districts, where the literacy rate is below the national average, is 54.7%.